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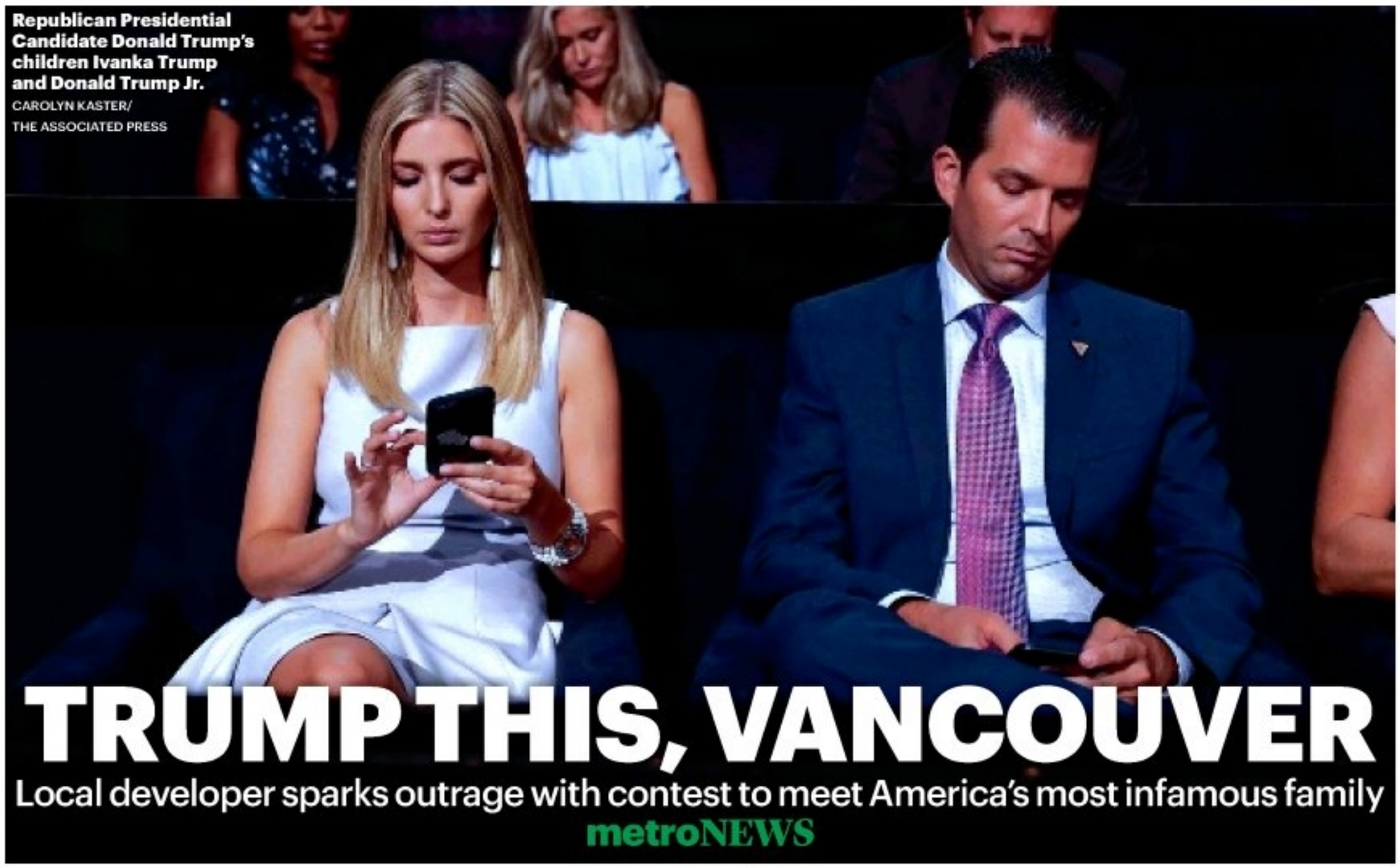

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# No vacancies as more people are being left out in the cold

HOUSING

## Affordability crisis hurting homeless with units drying up

**David P. Ball**
Metro | Vancouver

Vancouver's affordability crunch is taking away people's ability to fend off homelessness, according to a new report.

The University of Victoria and Union Gospel Mission released a report titled No Vacancy on Wednesday that shows how rising rents, low vacancies, stagnant wages and unchanging social assistance rates are leading to more people being homeless, or at-risk of becoming homeless, than ever before.

This, despite the fact BC Housing has increased the number of social housing units available in Metro Vancouver (to 42,171 from 41,079 in 2011) and that the number of rent supplements provided to people has more than doubled in that time (1,516 from 607).

"Governments are doing things but the question is are we doing enough?" asked Bernie Pauly, researcher at the University of Victoria's Centre for Addictions Research of B.C. and lead author of the report. "[Housing affordability] is affecting all of us and you can see it across the population, from young families trying to buy their first home to someone that's trying to live on a very low income and is just going to be pushed out onto the street."

Many of the city's newest homeless are simply victims of a cruel numbers game, according to the report.

**Volunteers clear a table at the Union Gospel Mission's annual Thanksgiving turkey dinner on Sunday.** DAVID P. BALL/METRO

> **Despite the positive steps, virtually every indicator points to an increase in homelessness and housing insecurity.** No Vacancy report

Vancouver's emergency shelters have remained virtually full over the past five years (currently 97 per cent) but UGM says the number of people it has had to turn away has increased by 25 per cent this year.

The vacancy rate for bachelor suites that cost less than $750 a month to rent was just 0.1 per cent in Vancouver last year, down from 1.3 per cent in 2014.

Rents for those increasingly scarce low-income units have jumped 16 per cent over the past five years.

While the number of social housing units have indeed increased, it is being outpaced by the number of people who need them.

The BC Housing registry has grown to 10,278 people in 2016, from 8,968 in 2012.

At the same time, wages are not kept up with rising costs and basic social assistance rates have not increased in nine years.

"Despite the positive steps that have been taken, virtually every indicator points to an increase in homelessness and housing insecurity in Metro Vancouver, both now and in the coming years," the report concludes.

The report said it is increasingly out-of-control unaffordability that is determining whether people end up homeless, rather than systemic failures or life circumstances like job loss, illness or family violence.

Pauly suggests the findings flip the traditional narrative around homelessness on its head.

"It really shifts, I think, how we understand homelessness … away from sort of seeing it like there's something that we need to fix with people. Rather, it's something we need to fix with systems that have been contributing to this," she said.

"I think that's a really important conversation. This is really a challenge for people both to get off the street and in terms of people maintaining their housing."

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EVENTS

# City hosts housing affordability conference

Matt Kieltyka
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Housing experts from around the world will be in Vancouver later this month as the city grapples with its housing affordability crisis.

The City of Vancouver announced the line-up for its week-long re:address international housing conference on Tuesday, headlined by a keynote address from New York City's housing commissioner Vicki Been.

Approximately 500 housing experts, both local and international, are expected to attend the event, which starts Oct. 24 and runs until Oct. 29.

In a statement, Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson said the summit will play a critical role in shaping the city's revised Housing and Homelessness Strategy to address growing housing unaffordability.

"Vancouver, like many other cities around the world, is facing an unprecedented affordability crisis," Robertson said.

"The re:address summit is an opportunity to learn, share best practices and explore creative solutions from other cities struggling with the same affordability challenges we are."

A number of public events have also been scheduled throughout the conference, including sessions that focus on housing rights, millennial engagement, global trends and innovative projects.

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Translink has begun consultations on Phase 1 of its 10-year transit plan. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

# Translink seeking feedback

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

## Phase 1 plan will spend $2B on upgrades to infrastructure

Wanyee Li
Metro | Vancouver

People who wish they could tell Translink what they think about public transportation in Metro Vancouver can do exactly that from now until the end of October.

The organization is asking for public feedback on Phase 1 of its 10-year plan for transit in the region. This first phase would inject approximately $2 billion into transit services and upgraded roads, bike lanes, and sidewalks starting in January 2017.

That $2 billion is made up of federal funding ($370 million), provincial funding ($246 million) and Metro Vancouver funding ($1.3 billion). The regional government will raise that last chunk of money by increasing transit fares and property taxes.

It's the first significant transit investment in the region since 2009 and 250,000 residents have moved into the region since then, according to Translink.

People can learn more about the Phase 1 Plan and submit feedback at tenyearvision.translink.ca.

### OPEN HOUSES

- Saturday, Oct. 15, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (North Vancouver City Library, 120 14th St. W., North Vancouver)
- Tuesday, Oct. 18, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Meadow Gardens Golf Club, 19675 Meadow Gardens Way, Pitt Meadows)
- Wednesday, Oct. 19, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Collingwood Neighbourhood House, 5288 Joyce St., Vancouver)
- Thursday, Oct. 20, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre, 13458 107A Ave., Surrey)
- Monday, Oct. 24, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Kwantlen Polytechnic University, 8771 Lansdowne Rd., Richmond)

### IN BRIEF

**RCMP officer shot during traffic stop near Golden**

Police say a Mountie has been shot and injured while trying to stop a vehicle near the community of Golden, in southeastern British Columbia.

RCMP spokesman Staff Sgt. Rob Vermeulen said in a statement that the officer was injured during a "rapidly evolving series of events" on Tuesday afternoon.

Rob Creasser, with the Mounted Police Professional Association of Canada, says the unidentified female officer was shot in the arm, but details on the situation remain scarce.

The officer's injuries are not believed to be life-threatening.

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# Uber to province: You need us

REGULATION

## Company says taxi industry is not its main competitor

Wanyee Li
Metro | Vancouver

Vancouver is the only major urban centre in North America that doesn't have Uber, says the company. PABLO BLAZQUEZ DOMINGUEZ/GETTY IMAGES

Uber is once again knocking on B.C.'s front door this month, with the company's chief adviser David Plouffe speaking at a Greater Vancouver Board of Trade luncheon Tuesday and an e-mail blast to the province's 200,000 Uber app users last week.

The provincial government has said it is taking its time creating a "made-in-B.C. solution" to regulate Uber, but the ridesharing company is already operating in more than 40 Canadian communities and Vancouver is not one of them.

"It still blows my mind that when I get off a plane in Vancouver I can't use Uber," said Plouffe, once a senior adviser to U.S. president Barack Obama.

He warns B.C. will fall behind if the province doesn't regulate Uber soon in order to encourage people to drive less and prepare them for what is coming in the future — autonomous cars.

"This isn't just about whether Uber or our competitor should be here and how that relates to taxis. Something big is happening and it relates to how our cities need to change and the autonomous future that's going to come down the pipe."

> We never talk about the taxi market. Our market is how people use their personal car.
> David Plouffe

Plouffe suggests Uber is part of that driverless car future and argues that's why the taxi industry is not Uber's main competitor. The technology company is instead focusing on reducing personal car use, he said.

"We never talk about the taxi market. Our market is how people use their personal car," he said.

But Vancouver's taxi industry has lobbied hard against allowing Uber into the city, arguing it would threaten their jobs. It is one of the main concerns the provincial government is considering on the Uber file, said Minister Peter Fassbender, who is in charge of the consultation process.

But Plouffe said cab drivers could in fact benefit from the trend of fewer people owning cars. He wants the province to stop dawdling.

"Just do it," he said.

"Like anything else, just do it and you'll see ... people are going to be using cars less in big numbers and any of us that move people around have an opportunity to get those customers."

Many Metro Vancouver businesses agree, with 80 per cent reporting they would like to see the rideshare app enter B.C., according to a GVBOT survey released last week.

Fassbender told Metro he is aware of how anxious B.C. residents are to get their hands on Uber, especially after the company sent out an e-mail blast to users last week encouraging people to tell the provincial government why they want to see the ridesharing app in B.C.

"I was absolutely inundated in my constituency office and in my ministers office with emails from a variety of people so I know Uber has been pushing very hard."

He said the province has forwarded its public consultation results to stakeholders and is expecting to hear back in a couple of weeks.

The government will probably have a better idea of what ridesharing regulations would look like by the end of this year, he said.

"Then we would have to look at the legislative calendar if we're going to make changes."

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HEALTH

# Doctor, family warn about mushrooms

A Victoria resident who ate a wild mushroom he picked in the city's downtown has become seriously ill, prompting the Island Health authority to issue a warning for others to be extra cautious.

The authority's chief medical health officer Dr. Richard Stanwick said Tuesday the person has been transferred from an intensive care unit in Victoria to a hospital in Alberta.

The male's family has not released his name or age but wants others to know they too could be poisoned from eating the fungus called Amanita phalloides, also known as death cap mushrooms, he said.

"The family is saying, 'Please get the message out, be very, very careful.'"

Stanwick said the male and a companion were picking mushrooms on Oct. 3 when he ate one, adding he would have suffered stomach pains and vomiting within eight to 12 hours.

"Then about three to five days later the toxins that you've ingested attack the liver and one goes into liver failure."

The male ended up in hospital four days later suffering from liver damage, he said.

Stanwick said that on Sunday, he and a mycologist, an expert on fungi, went to the site where the mushrooms were picked and dug up whatever mushrooms they could find so no one else could eat them. The samples were sent to a lab for testing.

"It had the classic green cap, it had the veil underneath and then it's got a very bulbous base but you don't know that until you actually dig out the whole mushroom," he said of the death cap.

"The ingestion of one mushroom contains has enough toxins that it will kill an individual."

Stanwick said they found about 16 mushrooms.

"The specimens we harvested, probably there was enough mushrooms there to kill 12 people. That's why we needed to mitigate the problem first hand on Sunday afternoon." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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A man walks past a tree blown over during the 2006 Stanley Park windstorm. JEFF HODSON/METRO FILE

# 'Historic' storm to hit

WEATHER

## Locals urged to prepare for possible flooding

Jen St. Denis
Metro | Vancouver

Batten down the hatches, Metro Vancouver — four intense fall storms are forecast to hit B.C.'s south coast starting Wednesday night and continuing until Saturday.

The Saturday storm could be as strong as the 2006 Stanley Park windstorm, with up to 100 km/h winds, said Matt MacDonald, a meteorologist with Environment Canada.

"Given what we're seeing, if it does materialize, it could be a historic storm," MacDonald said.

Saturday's storm will be the remnants of Typhoon Songda, a storm that started over the western Pacific Ocean. Environment Canada is forecasting a total of 200 millimetres of rain to fall over the four-day period. The first storms to hit are expected to carry 70-90 km/h winds.

"Moderate winds that start to blow debris around are in the 40-60 kilometre range," MacDonald said. "Once we start to hit 70-80 km/h, that usually starts breaking branches, so once you get into the 100 km/h winds, you can expect widespread tree damage."

MacDonald advised residents to keep checking forecasts for new information.

In August 2015, a windstorm knocked out power for 700,000 households in the Lower Mainland. It took BC Hydro up to three days to get the power back on for some residents.

BC Hydro is asking residents to prepare for a possible prolonged power outage and to stay away from downed power lines.

"It's going to be one after the other with very little break between systems," MacDonald said. "Get flashlights and candles ready ... bring in any object that could be tossed around by the wind, and ensure that your storm drains and gutters are free to drain properly."

For more information about preparing for a power outage, visit bchydro.com.

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From left: **Eric, Ivanka, Donald Trump Jr. and Donald Trump** during a 2013 visit to Vancouver to promote the Trump Tower.
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# Trumps not a draw for their new tower

LUXURY HOTEL AND CONDOS

## Local developer urged to cut ties with candidate over comments

**Jen St. Denis**
Metro | Vancouver

Like a rotten strawberry covered in chocolate, the offer was greeted with revulsion by many on social media: a chance to meet the Trump family at Vancouver's newly completed Trump Tower.

"Win a pass to the immoral opening of Vancouver's biggest embarrassment the Trump Tower!" wrote Twitter user Steve W. Oatway.

"You now know the extent of the misogyny of the name adorning your building. Give Trump back his money and be done with him," urged Michael Airton on Twitter.

The meet-and-greet is part of a contest prize being offered by Holborn Group, the developer of the luxury hotel and condominium project. The contest was promoted through an Oct. 4 sponsored post on the website The Daily Hive, and on social media up until the morning of Oct. 8 — a few hours before the Washington Post published the latest scandal involving the Republican president candidate, Donald Trump.

That story revealed comments Trump made in 2005, when he boasted about kissing women and groping their genitals without consent. During the second presidential debate on Sunday, moderator Anderson Cooper asked Trump: "You bragged that you have sexually assaulted women — do you understand that?" Trump replied that he had not actually done the things he had bragged about.

The story has shaken support for Trump in a way his previous comments about Muslims, Mexicans, Syrian refugees and women have failed to do, and several high-profile Republicans have since withdrawn their support.

> **I'd rather meet the Addams Family.**
> David Mivasair

The Daily Hive post doesn't specify which family members will be attendance at the Holborn party, but Trump's daughter and son, Ivanka and Donald Jr., have been active in promoting the Vancouver Trump Tower.

Brent Toderian, former chief planner for the City of Vancouver, has been vocal about removing the Trump name from the building. He called the contest "surreal and disturbing" — even if the meet and greet will be not be with Trump himself.

**Vancouver's new Trump Tower.** DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"When you attach the Trump name to a building, it's Donald Trump's name you're attaching and everything that comes with it," Toderian wrote to Metro from Vienna. "Holborn had the opportunity to distance themselves from this man, despite being contractually linked. Instead they seem to be doubling down on their association with his brand."

Holborn has contracted with the Trump Organization to manage the hotel portion of the tower. The company did not respond to an interview request by press time, but Holborn principal Joo Kim Tiah previously said he has no plans to remove the name.

"We in no way support Donald Trump or his views, morals, and initiatives," Farhan Mohamed, editor-in-chief of the Daily Hive, wrote in an email. "Although Trump does not own the development, which was designed by renowned Vancouver architect the late Arthur Erickson, we understand that the Trump name still communicates the values that are associated with Donald Trump himself."

David Mivasair, a Vancouver rabbi who is active in Democrats Abroad, won't be entering the contest.

"I'd rather meet the Addams family," he said. "Trump hasn't changed, he's been doing the same things for years and years. Someone thinking that capitalizing on his name for their business is not really using good judgment."

M.J. Ziemann, 25, speaks at the launch of the Canadian Mental Health Association B.C.'s "B4stage4" campaign on Tuesday. DAVID P. BALL/METRO

# Province urged to do more

MENTAL HEALTH

## Group calls for public to endorse its 'B4stage4' initiative

David P. Ball
Metro | Vancouver

It wasn't until Simon Fraser University psychology graduate M.J. Ziemann sought help for her own eating disorder that she realized how much was awry in B.C.'s mental-health-care system.

Seeking professional care can be daunting enough for anyone, but as her mental-health crisis escalated, she grew increasingly discouraged.

"I had actually applied for help," the 25-year-old told Metro in an interview Tuesday, "but I was rejected without any explanation as to why … It wasn't until I was very, very, very ill and needed to be hospitalized that the wheels got turning."

But once the health-care wheels starting rolling, she said, she discovered "a deep feeling of care, understanding and good treatment" to finally get the help she'd needed.

For Ziemann and several health professionals who spoke Tuesday at the B.C. offices of the Canadian Mental Health Association, no one should have to wait until they're in full-blown crisis before getting essential health care.

The event marked the launch of CMHA's new campaign, "B4stage4," which the charity described as a "manifesto" for improving the province's mental illness and addictions-care system — focused on five "pillars" of prevention and early intervention, more accessible addictions treatment, better crisis care, and greater provincial leadership through a dedicated "Minister of Mental Health and Addictions."

For CMHA B.C.'s CEO Bev Gutray, the province's ongoing spending on mental health doesn't go far enough to leverage results, and she argued the province doesn't treat mental illness with "the same priority as all other matters of public policy."

> **I had actually applied for help but I was rejected without any explanation as to why.... It wasn't until I was very, very, very ill and needed to be hospitalized that the wheels got turning.** M.J. Ziemann

"In both children and youth and adult services, the need does not match up to the services that are offered," Gutray said.

"We leave children, youth and families to languish.

"We would not tolerate this for any other childhood disorder, and we must not accept it for mental-health and substance-use care."

She added that the status quo is "completely unacceptable," particularly since mental-health professionals have developed "proven interventions that work."

Also endorsing the campaign was Dr. Ronald Remick, medical director of the psychiatric clinic at the Mood Disorder Association of B.C. He said that with recent focus on deadly fentanyl overdoses and police deaths and injuries of people with mental illness, it's time as well to tackle such problems before getting to that crisis stage.

"I don't want to minimize how significant or serious those problems are," he told reporters. "(But) that's one per cent of people with mental-health issues. The 98 or 99 per cent of people are the ones who don't have access.

"Not only is this unacceptable, but the treatment that's there for mood (and) for anxiety disorders, 50 per cent can expect full recovery, another 35 per cent can expect very, very significant improvement. We can help these people. Yet they sit there and they wait and don't have access."

Ziemann said she'd been interested in psychology since high school, but her own mental-health struggle gave her a "perspective of compassion and empathy" for others — and she decided to study psychology. She hopes to return for a master's degree in either clinical counselling or policy.

Asked if she had advice for others struggling with mental illness, she replied, "Persistence is key."

"Being your own advocate is a really important thing," she said, "not succumbing to the illness without pushing forward.

"That's the current system and it's the only way you're going to get some help."

CMHA B.C. is urging people to sign their manifesto calling for improved mental-health and addictions services and to learn about its B4stage4 campaign at b4stage4.ca.

# Site C labour concerns eased

HYDRO ELECTRICITY

## Alberta's oil and gas slump is benefitting B.C. project

Alberta's loss is British Columbia's gain as fears of labour shortages for the construction of the massive Site C dam evaporate amid a slump in the oil and gas industry, says a new report released Tuesday.

The slowdown is providing a steady supply of skilled workers for the Peace River project, the report says, easing previous concerns from experts who had warned of potential labour shortages. The downturn and low interest rates have also resulted in a lower bottom line for the project, now pegged at $8.3 billion, about $500 million less than expected.

B.C. Hydro, which is building the dam, hired Ernst and Young and BTY Consultancy Group Inc. to review the project's risks and management of costs. The 43-page report concluded the project is on time and on budget.

Site C is slated to become the third hydro electric dam on northeast B.C.'s Peace River. It will provide enough energy power 410,000 homes.

An excavator does preparatory work at the Site C dam in Northeastern B.C. B.C. HYDRO

Ernst and Young said the availability of workers in the Peace River region has increased since 2014 due to decreasing investments in the oil and gas sector and Alberta's jobless rate of 8.6 per cent.

Dave Conway, Site C's community relations manager, said economic woes in the nearby oil patch are paying dividends for the dam.

"One of the factors is the present downturn in the economy and it's been a plus for the project," he said. "Certainly, interest rates are one, cost of materials is a second, but the third is labour, and it certainly is the availability of a larger labour pool to draw on at this time."

One energy analyst said three years ago — when B.C. was basking in the promise of thousands of possible LNG jobs — that labour shortages could hold up some projects. The most recent July 2016 workforce data provided by B.C. Hydro pegged the workforce at 1,721, with 1,411 of those workers from B.C.

**7,650**

**Number of construction jobs the project is expected to create. Last July, there were more than 1,700 workers on site.**

But the report warned Site C could face cost pressures because of the low value of the Canadian dollar, currently at about 76 cents to the United States dollar. Opposition New Democrat Leader John Horgan said he can't put much stock in a report that the Crown corporation paid consultants to produce.

"This was a government that made the decision to proceed with this project without any third-party oversight," he said.

Site C has been embroiled in several court challenges from area First Nations, environmentalists and local residents. Amnesty International recently called for a stop work order on the project, saying it threatens indigenous rights.

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INVESTIGATION

## One dead, four hurt in plane crash

A Saskatchewan man is dead and four other men were injured after a plane crashed in British Columbia's central Interior on Monday.

Transportation Safety Board spokesman Bill Yearwood says the de Havilland Beaver aircraft left an airfield in Vanderhoof, east of Prince George, and was headed to Laidman Lake.

Yearwood says the men were planning on hunting in the remote region.

He says the plane crashed into trees, although the aircraft did not catch fire in the snow-covered area.

Rescuers found one man dead at the scene, and Yearwood says one of the other four men injured was in serious condition.

The name of the man killed hasn't been released.

The Transportation Safety Board has sent a team to investigate the cause of the crash.

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**EQUALITY GRÉGOIRE-TRUDEAU CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL** Sophie Grégoire-Trudeau takes selfies after opening the market at the TSX in Toronto to celebrate International Day of the Girl on Tuesday. She also used the occasion to launch Facebook and Instagram feeds of her own. "It's time," she wrote. "On this International Day of the Girl, it's time to share the amazing journey we're on together." EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

# Citizenship fees up, applications down

GOVERNMENT

## 2016 saw 1/3 of applications compared to previous years

The number of immigrants applying for Canadian citizenship has plummeted for the second year in a row in the wake of hefty application fee hikes Ottawa introduced in recent years.

The trend has prompted fears that the current citizenship costs — $530 per adult, plus a $100 right of citizenship fee — are creating a growing underclass of newcomers who can't afford the fee and hence are prevented from full integration and participation in Canadian society, according to a report published in the Institute for Research on Public Policy.

According to the latest government data, only 36,000 citizenship applications were received from January to June in 2016, just more than one-third of the number for the same period last year.

In 2015, a total of 130,000 citizenship applications were submitted to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, compared to an average of 200,000 received in previous years.

"The decline is so significant that it cannot be ignored," said retired immigration department director-general Andrew Griffith, who obtained the government statistics for policy analysis for the Montreal-based Institute for Research on Public Policy.

"I had thought the citizenship fee increases would provoke a decline in applications, but I was surprised by the steepness of the decline."

The former Conservative government raised the citizenship fee to $300 from $100 per adult in 2014, and again to $530 last year — to fully recover the processing cost of applications. The fee had been held constant at $100 for almost two decades.

Although immigration officials said at the time the fee hikes would have no impact on the number of immigrants applying to become citizens, Griffith said the data clearly shows otherwise.

Besides the fee hikes, the only major change to the citizenship program was the new requirement for applicants between the age of 55 and 64 to pass the knowledge test.

"If the current 2016 trend continues, we will have 300,000 new immigrants and far less than 100,000 new citizens," Griffith cautioned.

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MILITARY

# Top general fined for gunshot

Canada's top special forces soldier must pay $2,000 after accidentally firing his weapon near another military officer last year.

A military judge handed down the punishment today after Maj.-Gen. Mike Rouleau pleaded guilty at a court martial to one count of conduct to the prejudice of good order and discipline.

The case stems from an incident in northern Iraq last December, where 170 Canadian special forces are currently based, helping to train Kurdish forces in the fight against Daesh.

Rouleau and another officer were getting ready to visit a forward operating base after presenting several soldiers with medals when his rifle fired one round, according to a statement of facts read during the court martial. The bullet from Rouleau's weapon hit the ground less than two feet from the officer.

Rouleau could have faced a maximum punishment of dismissal from the military with disgrace. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Maj.-Gen. Mike Rouleau**
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# ‘There’s no aid that’s come’

NATURAL DISASTER

## Haiti needs $120 million, UN estimates

People throughout Haiti’s devastated southwest peninsula formed makeshift brigades Tuesday to clear debris and try to regain some semblance of their pre-hurricane lives as anger grew over the delay in aid for remote communities more than a week after the Category 4 storm hit.

A community group that formed in the southern seaside community of Les Anglais began clearing tree limbs from streets and placing them into piles while others gathered scraps of wood to start rebuilding homes destroyed by Hurricane Matthew.

Carpenter James Nassau donned a white construction helmet as he rebuilt a neighbour’s wall with recycled wood, hoping to earn a little money to take care of 10 children, including those left behind by his brother, who died in the storm.

“My brother left five kids, and now I’ve got to take care of them,” he said. “Nobody has come to help.”

**People walk down a debris-covered street** in the commune of Port-a-Piment, in Les Cayes, Haiti, on Tuesday. Haiti faces a humanitarian crisis that requires a ‘massive response’ from the international community, the UN says. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

The scene repeated itself across small seaside and mountain villages dotting the peninsula, where people pointed out helicopters buzzing overhead and questioned why they haven’t received any help.

Israel Banissa, a carpenter who lives near the small mountain town of Moron, said a Red Cross assessment team stopped outside his village to ask people questions but didn’t leave any supplies.

“There’s no aid that’s come here,” he said as he sawed wood to help rebuild his home and dozens of others. “I don’t think they care about the people up here.”

The UN humanitarian agency in Geneva has made an emergency appeal for nearly $120 million in aid, saying about 750,000 people in southwest Haiti alone will need “life-saving assistance and protection” in the next three months. UN officials said earlier that at least 1.4 million people across the region need assistance and that 2.1 million overall have been affected by the hurricane.

The National Civil Protection headquarters in Port-au-Prince raised the official nationwide death toll to 473, which included at least 244 deaths in Grand-Anse. But local officials have said the toll in Grand-Anse alone tops 500. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HURRICANE MATTHEW

## U.S. braces for more

A state trooper shot and killed an armed man during a search for flood victims in a tense and dispirited North Carolina, and thousands more people were ordered to evacuate as high water from Hurricane Matthew pushed downstream Tuesday, two days after the storm blew out to sea.

Matthew’s death toll in the U.S. climbed to 30, half of them in North Carolina, in addition to the more than 500 feared dead in Haiti.

In Greenville, a city of 90,000, officials warned that the Tar River would overwhelm every bridge in the county by sundown, splitting it in half before the river crests late Wednesday. Evacuations were ordered there and in such communities as Goldsboro and Kinston, as rivers swelled to some of the highest levels ever recorded.

Tens of thousands of people have been warned to move to higher ground since the hurricane drenched the state with more than a foot of rain over the weekend during a run up the East Coast from Florida. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SCIENCE

## Obama still pushing for Mars

President Barack Obama sought Tuesday to reinvigorate his six-year-old call for the U.S. to send humans to Mars by the 2030s, a mission NASA has been slowly and quietly trudging away at.

The White House was calling attention to government contracts awarded to six companies to build prototypes for “habitats” that could sustain human life in deep space. One such privately developed habitat is already attached to the International Space Station. Obama also said that within two years, companies like SpaceX and Boeing will taxi astronauts to the space station.

“These missions will teach us how humans can live far from Earth, something we’ll need for the long journey to Mars,” Obama wrote in an op-ed on CNN’s website. He said the ultimate goal is for humans eventually to stay “for an extended time.” THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANCE

## Aid groups say dismantling Calais refugee camp won’t work

Charities working with refugees and migrants living in a slum-like camp in France are objecting to the government’s plan to dismantle the site, saying French authorities should not act in haste.

Although no date has been announced for closing the refugee camp in Calais known as “The Jungle,” the French government has announced it will happen by the end of the year. The first group of migrants is expected to be moved as soon as next week.

Homelessness charity Emmaus and other organizations met again with Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve Tuesday. Emmaus asked for the closure to be postponed, saying the conditions for an effective and humanitarian relocation have not been met.

“The government is heading straight into a wall,” Emmaus France President Thierry Kuhn said. “We should not bury our heads in the sand; people will come back as long as we won’t be able to offer them a solution adapted to their life plan.”

The groups say the plan is faulty because a large proportion of migrants in the camp have no interest in staying in France but hope to cross the English Channel to Britain.

“The government needs to take its time; otherwise, half of the people in the ‘jungle’ won’t find a place in the relocation process,” Emmaus official Frederic Amiel. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Oil executive turned fashion designer **Jean-Michel Gires** displays his scarves at a studio in Calgary. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Ex-oilsands exec leaps into fashion

APPAREL

## Jean-Michel Gires designs clothing for women

An oilsands executive known for employing the art of the deal is putting his passion for the art of photography into a new line of silk scarves, spandex leggings and other women's clothing.

Jean-Michel Gires set French energy giant Total S.A. on course for a massive buildup of oilsands production while heading the company's Canadian branch in Calgary from 2009 to 2013.

He returned to head office in Paris when his Calgary gig was up but says that, after 25 years, he was no longer interested in life as a travelling executive. He resigned and moved back to Calgary, first as a partner in a clean-tech venture capital firm and now as the founder and chief designer for a clothing startup that bears his name, By Jean Michel.

In a recent interview, the 58-year-old mining engineer said that he simply needed to be free to pursue his true calling. He spoke at a Calgary photo studio where a fashion photographer, model and stylists were shooting catalogue shots for his 2017 line of scarves, leggings, decorative hand fans and, for the first time, kimonos.

"When I decided to leave Total and decide what I wanted to do with my interest in innovation, all of my passion for photography came back,"' he said.

Gires was an early fan of digital photography, buying his first camera 20 years ago so he could share with family and friends sights from his many foreign Total assignments.

His focus changed, though, after he photographed light reflecting and creating patterns as it danced over moving water in a river near Paris. He decided to make reflecting patterns his "niche" as a photographer.

He finds the patterns everywhere now, on the sides of glass and metal buildings or on mountain lakeshores. When the pattern is turned into a mosaic and printed on high-quality fabric, it also produces a "story" that can be printed on a card for the purchaser to share with those who admire her new garment.

Gires' products can be purchased at byjeanmichel.com.

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### IN BRIEF

**Housing starts up, but...**
Residential construction was hotter than expected in September as the pace of housing starts picked up nationally, the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. said. Toronto was an exception, with the rate dropping mainly as a result of fewer apartment starts. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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SMARTPHONES

# Samsung stopping Note 7 production

Samsung Electronics said Tuesday it is stopping production of Galaxy Note 7 smartphones permanently, a day after stopping global sales of the ill-fated devices amid reports that batteries were catching fire.

The South Korean company is struggling to regain consumer trust after a first round of recalls that prompted criticism both for the faulty devices and for the company's handling of the problem. After the earlier recall, the company said it had identified a manufacturing defect in the batteries of its top-of-the-line smartphone.

It started shipping new Note 7 phones that were supposed to be safer. But reports that even the replacements were catching fire led Samsung to announce it was stopping sales of the devices.

Authorities in the U.S. and South Korea are still investigating why even the replacement Note 7 phones are catching fire. An official at the South Korean safety agency said the replacement phones may have a defect that is different from the problem with the original Note 7s.

Samsung's shares plunged 8 per cent Tuesday in Seoul, their biggest fall since the 2008 financial crisis. And that was before it announced it was discontinuing the Note 7.

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South Korean students try out Galaxy Note 7 smartphones at Samsung's outlet in Seoul.
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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD TELLS A SURVIVOR'S STORY

# 'I FELT SICK AND TERRIBLY ANGRY'

Sexual assault is the violent crime least likely to be reported, and the only one not in decline. Only a fraction of survivors who come forward will ever see their stories told in court. Over the course of the past six months, Metro has been following the case of one woman in her 20s who decided, against the odds, to go to the police. **This is what it takes to seek justice.**

It took Lindsey nearly 10 years. But in May, she decided it was time to go to the police.

She'd been calling crisis hotlines in B.C., where she lives. "It was the first time I'd heard anyone say to me, 'Childhood sexual abuse,'" she said. That language used by the hotline counsellors gave her the right words, and made it possible to call the police, despite then-swirling news of the Jian Ghomeshi trial and the vitriol thrown at the women who testified against him.

"I honestly didn't know whether or not reporting was a good idea, if it would bring any good at all," she told me. "I didn't know if I had a case."

When she was 15, in 2007, Lindsey (Metro agreed to use only her first name) met a man twice her age, an instructor at an arts program. She said that he showed romantic interest in her, told her he loved her and encouraged a sexual relationship. Over the course of the year, he initiated increasingly "depraved, animal-level" sexual behaviour, she said, and would take her to forested areas and even his mother's house to have coercive sex.

Then the sexual encounters grew to include her best friend, who was 14. When Lindsey's friend's family found out, they called the police.

Lindsey said the man told her he would kill himself if she told the truth. So she downplayed the relationship and sexual encounters.

The resulting investigation, which ended without charges, splintered her life, damaging friend and family bonds and triggering years of pain and struggle.

But now, in 2016, she'd decided what happened to her was profoundly wrong. She needed reconciliation. She needed some kind of justice.

Lindsey called the RCMP in Surrey. They scheduled an interview at a detachment two days later.

**STRUCTURAL BARRIERS** An RCMP cruiser drives past a stop sign on Parliament Hill. The experience of Lindsey, who told Metro about what she went through in reporting to RCMP sexual abuse that she says occurred in 2007, shows that even when police are co-operative and helpful, justice for survivors remains elusive. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**'I think if I had just said OK, they would have let it lie.'**

Her fears were many: "My life's going to be ruined, or maybe nothing will happen, or they'll tell me it wasn't childhood sexual abuse." Also: would it matter that she had denied the abuse years earlier?

The interview lasted about two and a half hours, in an interrogation room, "which was disconcerting," she said. There were black marks on the white walls, as if tables had been slammed against them. A couch would have been nice, she thought, but the officers themselves were empathetic, understanding and professional. They didn't make her feel at fault, or disbelieved. She answered detailed questions about how she met the man and about specific sex acts.

"I was blown away by his sensitivity," Lindsey said of Const. Gregory Montgomery, who would be her main contact over the months to come. "I feel like I got lucky. I really do."

It was dark and late by the time they stopped talking that day, and the officers offered to get her a cab. Montgomery told Lindsey he'd be in touch, making no promises, which she appreciated. "It made me trust him," she said.

A few weeks later, she emailed Montgomery for an update, and he told her they'd recovered the original file from 2007. They were going to look into it.

A month passed. And another.

Lindsey periodically called or emailed for updates. But there wasn't always much to report.

"This is way freaking harder than we thought it was going to be," she told me at the time. "You're upset, you're anxious, you're wondering what's happening. Is anything happening?"

She began worrying that police were contacting the accused. "What if he comes after me? Can I get protection?"

The experience of recounting her story was "oddly traumatizing" and she felt "swept up again" into the emotions, and the harm.

But she had unique support in her childhood best friend, the one who had also been involved with the man in 2007. They'd reconnected as adults, and on the day Lindsey filed her complaint with police, her friend filed one too. The friend spoke with different officers, who got back to her much sooner with bad news: No charges.

Then on June 30, Montgomery called. The Surrey RCMP's Sexual Victims Unit had reviewed the file. "He said, 'I'm sorry to tell you this, but we can't move any farther with the case,'" Lindsey recalled. Her original statement, which downplayed the sexual events, would undermine her credibility now. Police only recommend charges when there's a reasonable expectation of a conviction in court.

"I put the phone down and ran upstairs and started to sob," she said. "I felt sick and terribly angry and filled with an overwhelming feeling of injustice."

Then she began to wonder: Had police really done all they could? Neither Lindsey nor her friend had been interviewed to support one another's claims. Nor had Lindsey's parents been reinterviewed. She hadn't been asked to try and dig up text messages or emails from the man.

She researched the laws that would have applied to her case at the time. The age of consent in 2007 was 14 (she was 15) but it was and remains 18 for sexual activity that exploits a young person through prostitution, pornography or a position of authority — meaning charges like sexual interference and sexual exploitation could apply.

Montgomery told her that the RCMP's SVU conducted the initial investigation in 2007. Lindsey's father told me that he recalled an officer discussing the inappropriateness of the age difference. He was told that "because the age of consent was 14 at the time of the incident and because no formal complaint was made at the time, there was really nothing they could do. But what they were going to do was keep an eye on this guy, and in his words, let him know that he's being watched."

Lindsey said that the man's boss — who, as owner of the company that ran the arts program, could establish his role of authority — was never interviewed, either during the initial investigation or at any point afterward. She knows this because while officers were reviewing the original file this year, Lindsey had gone to talk to the boss, to find out what she knew.

Over the next months, Lindsey continued to call Montgomery, asking him about the age of consent for sexual interference, a charge that seemed to fit her case, since the man had been in a position of authority and she hadn't yet turned 18.

I called Montgomery myself for an update on the case earlier this month, and then, a week later, RCMP's national headquarters. That's when he called back to say he was referring the case, for a second time this year, to the SVU.

"(Lindsey) brought up some very valid questions about it, so I'm going to push it to SVU and have them re-review it," he said. Montgomery, who is new to the force this year, did not explain why it was Lindsey, not the SVU, that raised these questions.

For Lindsey, that means the case it not over. It means hope: "The fact that he's pushing it, that he is taking it and reconsidering after everything I've brought up. That he's doing his due diligence.

"I think if I had just said OK, they would have just let it lie," she said. "It would have stayed the same. It required me to push."

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# Saying goodbye is never easy

HBO's new series Divorce stars Sarah Jessica Parker and Thomas Haden Church, who seem to have interpreted the script in different ways. CONTRIBUTED

## JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

**THE SHOW: Divorce, Season 1, Episode 3**
**THE MOMENT: The mismatched mates**

Frances (Sarah Jessica Parker) and Robert (Thomas Haden Church) are splitting up. For the first time, he'll sleep elsewhere.

As they part, he stands at the bottom of the stairs; she sits a few steps up. "Let's not have a big emotional scene," he says. "Just remember something: I always loved you."

"I loved you," she says.

"Goodbye, Frances," he says.

"Goodbye, Robert," she replies.

He doesn't move. "Goodbye," he says.

"Good…bye?" she says.

"I really need to use the washroom," he says. "In a hurry."

"Go ahead," she says. He doesn't move.

"Can you go upstairs?" he asks. "I don't want your last memory of me in this house to be … you know."

She walks upstairs and sits on her bed. For a moment she's sad. Then, FLUSH. She hears Robert's voice ("Come on!") and the sound of plunger on porcelain. FLUSH again.

This is not a relaxing series to watch. The subject matter is sharply observed; it often feels original and true. But the tone is uneasy.

Series creator Sharon Horgan, the genius behind Catastrophe, is an expert at saying hurtful things with a smile in her voice. I suspect she writes Frances and Robert that way. The problem is, Church interprets that voice as comedy — often broad comedy — while Parker seems to hear it as occasionally-funny drama.

It's easy to see why Frances and Robert are splitting. But with Parker and Church in different acting hemispheres, what's difficult is understanding why they were together in the first place.

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Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

**With this show, I think we're initially asking more of our audience: We're asking them to be part of combat**
Sarah Jessica Parker on HBO's Divorce

### QUOTED

**Was Parker's decision to claim the Frances role a way to purge herself of her Carrie Bradshaw past?**

"I don't WANT to be done with that association," she says. "I loved it! But I'm an actor, I always was, and now my job is to share who Frances is with the audience."

Through six HBO seasons and two feature films, Carrie, with her goofy couture and saucy lexicon ("frenemies," "toxic bachelor"), helped give life to a then-new phase of women's liberation and made Sex and the City a cultural marker.

"With this show, I think we're initially asking more of our audience: We're asking them to be part of combat," says Parker. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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RECIPE

## Pair of Toronto bakers bring simplicity back to sweet treat

It's not that pastry chefs Allyson Bobbitt and Sarah Bell are militant on how to do cupcakes ("We're not saving lives here," Bell quips) — they just want to demystify the techniques behind picture-perfect cupcakes for people who are either scared of baking or have written off cupcakes as a passing fad.

We all remember the cupcake trend in the 2000s. Cupcake shops opened at the pace of Starbucks. Cupcake Wars debuted on the Food Network in 2009, pitting bakers against each other to create the most extreme cupcake. The trend reached parody levels in 2012 when a Vancouver bakery called ManCakes rolled out cupcakes with hot sauce frosting topped with crispy chicken skin. Cupcakes became a joke.

So when Bobbitt and Bell opened their pastry shop, Bobbette & Belle, in Toronto's Leslieville six years ago, they stripped the cupcake down to what people liked about them in the first place — familiar flavours such as vanilla, chocolate and salted caramel. The return to simplicity worked, leading to a second midtown location two years ago and this month the release their first cookbook, Bobbette & Belle: Classic Recipes from the Celebrated Pastry Shop ($35, Viking).

**Brown Sugar Cupcakes With Salted Caramel Buttercream and Caramel Drizzle**

**Ingredients (for the brown sugar cupcakes):**

- 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 tsp (7 mL) baking soda
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) salt
- 1 1/4 cups (310 mL) lightly packed brown sugar
- 2 large egg whites, room temperature
- 3/4 cup (185 mL) buttermilk, room temperature
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) pure vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) unsalted butter, melted and cooled

**Directions:**

**1.** Insert liners in a standard 12-cupcake pan.
**2.** In a mixing bowl, whisk together flour, baking soda and salt. Set aside.
**3.** In a stand mixer with the whisk attachment, mix brown sugar and egg whites on medium speed until well combined. Add buttermilk and vanilla and continue to whisk on medium until well combined. Add butter and whisk until well-combined.
**4.** Set mixer to low speed and slowly add flour mixture until well incorporated.
**5.** Divide batter evenly into cupcake pan, filling each cupcake liner about 3/4 full.
**6.** Bake at 350F (175C) for 20 to 25 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into centre of cupcake comes out clean.
**7.** Let cupcakes cool in pan for 10 minutes before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely before decorating.

**Ingredients (for salted caramel sauce):**

- 1 cup (250 mL) granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) 35 per cent cream
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) fleur de sel, maldon or kosher salt

**Directions:**

**1.** In a medium saucepan over medium-high heat, heat a half cup of sugar, stirring constantly until sugar melts and turns a golden colour. Be careful not to burn. Add remaining sugar and continue to whisk until everything has melted and turned golden brown.
**2.** Reduce heat to medium low. On a gentle simmer, add cream slowly, whisking until everything has combined. Add salt and continue to cook, stirring occasionally, until any hard sugar bits have dissolved. Immediately remove from heat and cool completely before using.

**Ingredients (for salted caramel buttercream):**

- 4 large white eggs
- 1 cup (250 mL) granulated sugar
- 2 cups (500 mL) room temperature unsalted butter, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1 tsp (5 mL) pure vanilla extract
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) salted caramel sauce

**Directions:**

**1.** Use a double boiler or fill a medium-sized saucepan with one inch of water. Bring to a gentle simmer. Place a large heatproof bowl over saucepan.
**2.** Whisk together egg whites and sugar until it reaches 140F (70C) on a candy thermometer.
**3.** Immediately transfer to a bowl on a stand mixer with a whisk attachment. Whip on medium-high speed until mixture has cooled to room temperature, has doubled in volume and holds medium-stiff peaks, 8 to 10 minutes.
**4.** Reduce speed to slow and add 2 cubes of butter to mixer. Increase speed to medium-high to incorporate. Repeat with remaining cubes of butter. Reduce speed and add vanilla and caramel sauce. Whisk on high again until light and fluffy, 1 to 2 minutes.

**To assemble:**

**1.** Cut off pointed tip of pastry bag and fit with a coupler and desired pastry tip (a large round or star tip works well). Using a rubber spatula, fill bag halfway with buttercream. Push buttercream down toward tip to get rid of air bubbles. Twist top of bag to close.
**2.** Hold twisted end of bag with your dominant hand. Use other hand to guide piping bag as you decorate.
**3.** Hold piping bag at a perpendicular angle, hovering just above cupcake. Begin piping by applying gentle pressure with your dominant hand, squeezing out buttercream in a steady stream, at centre of cupcake and work outwards, then swirl up and work inwards to create a beehive shape. Garnish with salted caramel drizzle and toffee bits.
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Kristen Stewart has three films at the New York Film Festival.

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# Stewart's workaholism a good thing

INTERVIEW

## Non-stop work has actress ready for more, as a director

Three films in this year's New York Film Festival certainly qualify Kristen Stewart as a workaholic, but the actress doesn't think that's such a bad thing.

"Oh yeah, I'm totally addicted, man... I get super obsessed with stuff, you know, and which is to a fault. But it's served me well," said Stewart.

Since the Twilight franchise, the actress has quietly amassed an impressive body of work, including a trio of very different films at this year's festival.

She's already premiered Certain Women, directed by Kelly Reichardt.

The festival is also screening Olivier Assayas's Personal Shopper, and Stewart will walk the red carpet again for Ang Lee's Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk on Friday.

With a diverse set of roles since portraying Bella in the Twilight series, Stewart doesn't feel her evolution was intentional and says she just got lucky.

"Honestly, it was not like a tactical approach, you know what I mean?

"I've always known that if I have a certain dynamic with someone or conversation, it's either leading to productivity or not," Stewart said.

Besides acting, Stewart wants to direct, too, and working with Lee and Reichardt gave her a unique perspective, especially since the two take a completely different approach to directing a film.

"I think they are both absolute geniuses when it comes to being composed, and when it comes to being aware of something that we're not aware of," Stewart said.

"They see the invisible and they capture it, and that's what I would like to do while making movies."

But Stewart leans toward Reichardt's style.

> **They see the invisible and they capture it, and that's what I would like to do while making movies.** Kristen Stewart on directors Kelly Reichardt and Ang Lee

"Seeing Kelly steel-train her way through a movie that seems so natural, but is so deliberate... It makes me want to work now, like start working, now," Stewart said.

Certain Women will be in select theatres on Friday, while Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk kicks off on Nov. 11.

Personal Shopper, in which Stewart plays a personal shopper for celebrities, isn't available in theatres until next year. As for her own celebrity, Stewart doesn't see herself as an insider.

"I'm so famous," Stewart joked before saying, "I don't even know what that means."

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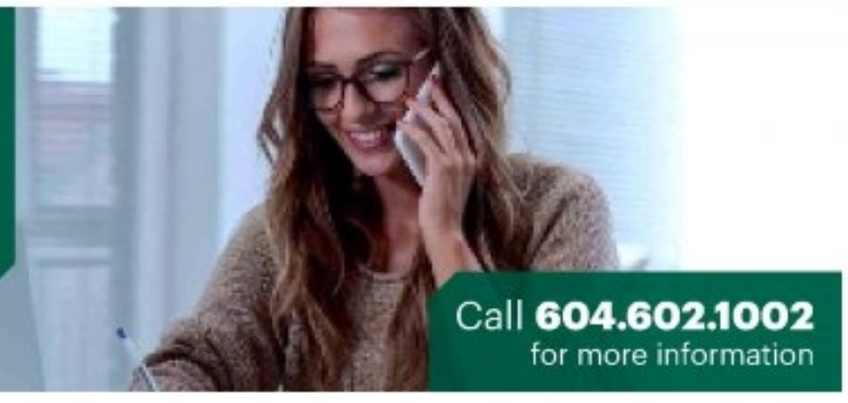

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Lexus UX Concept previews flashy compact crossover in Paris

# Standard meets entry-level luxury

REVIEW

## Despite detractors, Envision proves itself

**Michael Accardi**
AutoGuide.com

When Buick announced its intention to bring over the Envision built in China, you couldn't go 10 minutes on the Internet without stumbling into some kind of furious consternation.

After only a few short months on the market, Americans have proven that the Envision more than speaks to consumer needs. The Envision isn't just Buick's quickest turning model, but also the quickest turning among its chief rivals — its 25-day turnover rate is half of its next closest competitor.

Stacking the deck even more in Envision's favour — to date — it has only been available in two top level trims, Premier I and II. With MSRPs well into the forties, the up-market focused 2016 Envision was offered with a generous smattering of standard equipment, Bose stereo, heated leather front and rear seats, heated steering wheel, advanced safety features and AWD.

Since Buick decided to turn itself around nearly a decade ago, the brand has lived at the alter of safety, whisper-quiet interiors and elegant, tasteful design.

On the road, the Hi-Per front end keeps everything compliant during heavy acceleration, helping mitigate torque steer and increasing steering feel, while overall providing a soft and plush ride without being soft and wallowy.

The real star of the show is the new mechanical Twin-Clutch AWD system, similar to the one featured in the Cadillac XT5. Buick claims its version was tuned for comfort instead of outright performance. Where the twin-clutch Envision differentiates itself from competitors is its use of mechanical clutches in the rear differential to maximize traction instead of simply using stability control and individual wheel braking to manage slip.

When the Audi Q5 or Acura RDX detect slip, they use a mix of braking and stability control to reduce the torque being transferred to the ground, stopping the slip. The Envision, however, doesn't compromise torque for traction; its mechanical delivery allows it to direct 100 per cent of available torque to any given wheel.

For 2017 Buick equips all Envisions with ten standard airbags sprinkled throughout the cabin, along with Surround Vision and automatic front braking and rear parking aids. Up-level trims can option a vibrating safety seat, forward crash avoidance, lane keep, lane departure, lane change alert, blind zone alert, and cross traffic alert.

Scoff if you want at the idea of a Chinese-built Buick, but it's a properly executed product that nestles itself in where the top of mainstream meets entry level luxury, making it an attractive proposition.

### THE CHECKLIST | 2017 BUICK ENVISION

**THE BASICS**

**Engine:** 2.0-litre Turbo-charged Inline-4
**Power:** 252 horsepower, 36 kilogram metres of torque
**Transmission:** Six-speed automatic
**Cargo Capacity (L):** 761 (trunk); 1,622 (seats folded)
**Fuel Economy (L/100 km):** 11.8 city, 9.2 highway, 10.6 combined (premium required)
**Price:** Starts at $39,995

**LOVE IT**

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- Derivative styling

SPECIAL EDITION

## Nissan Texas Titan makes debut at the State Fair

**Stephen Elmer**
AutoGuide.com

Nissan is joining in the feeding frenzy that is Texas pick-up truck sales by adding the new Texas Titan to the lineup.

The custom appearance package includes a special chrome grille, 20-inch aluminum alloy wheels, metallic-finish kick plates, Titan Texas floor mats, a chrome exhaust and finally Texas Titan badging all around.

Every manufacturer offers a special-edition model just for Texas to try and capitalize on the Lone Star State's love for trucks, and Nissan is no different.

The Texas Titan package will be available on both the half-ton Titan and Titan XD.

**OPTIONS**

**Four-wheel drive** is available with the package.

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# A bolder Honda Civic

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TYPE R

## Honda teases new Civic prototype

The new Civic Type R is getting closer to launching in North America and Honda is teasing us once again with a new prototype. This fresh prototype debuted alongside the new Honda Civic Hatchback at the 2016 Paris Motor Show. This is likely very close to the version that will come to the United States next year as a 2018 model year vehicle. As can be expected, a body kit makes the new Civic Type R look plenty aggressive with larger fenders and air intakes. A large rear wing, a carbon-fibre diffuser, and three-port central exhaust setup can be found out back. Honda didn't offer any specifics on the powertrain, though it's already known that the car will use a turbocharged 2.0-litre four-cylinder engine. In the current Type R, this motor makes 306 horsepower, a number that's expected to improve. STEPHEN ELMER/AUTOGUIDE.COM

MERCEDES BENZ

## Generation EQ concept to compete with Tesla

Giving us a glimpse at its vision for emissions-free motoring, Mercedes-Benz revealed something of a Tesla-killer in Paris. The concept is called the Generation EQ, which, according to the press release, stands for Electric Intelligence. Beneath that coupe-like styling, this four-seat vehicle is motivated by two separate electric motors that provide some 400 hp. CRAIG COLE/AUTOGUIDE.COM

AUDI

## RS3 coming to Canada

Audi has revealed its pint-sized RS3 which will be available in Canada, packing big power into a little package. Under the hood of the RS3 will live a 2.5-litre five-cylinder engine with 400 horsepower, sent to all four wheels through a seven-speed dual-clutch transmission. The jump from 0 to 100 km/h will happen in just 4.1 seconds, while a top speed of 250 km/h has been set. STEPHEN ELMER/AUTOGUIDE.COM

# Don't let your resumé gaps sink you

**Jason Menard**

**Just because you weren't working doesn't mean you weren't growing.** SHUTTERSTOCK

Life happens. Sometimes it's a positive thing — the birth of a child or an opportunity to travel; other times it can be a negative issue — falling ill, being laid off.

But when it comes to getting back into the workforce and applying for a new job, sometimes that gap can feel like a bridge too far to cross on your pathway to personal success.

### Be honest

This is probably items one through five on any job-seeking and resumé-building effort. Though it can be tempting to engage in a little creative hyperbole or overemphasize some of your activities, it's always better to be honest and upfront in your discussions.

This applies for gaps in your job experience. You can play with dates (only including 'years' of employment) or try to hide any down periods using a functional resumé, but that only serves to create more questions than answers.

And for those looking to hire you, they're looking for someone they can trust. A first impression — which a resumé often is — is vital.

### Explain where relevant

There are times when explaining gaps in a resumé can be effective, especially in a cover letter. If you've stayed at home to take care of a growing child, left work to support an ailing family member, or even taken time off to explore the world or exercise your creativity, these are all valid and normal reasons to be out of the workforce.

If you've voluntarily left your position as well, that can be a point of discussion. Leaving a job because it's not taking you where you want to go can show drive, determination, and passion — all exciting traits for most employers.

### Accentuate the positives

Just because you weren't working doesn't mean you weren't growing. Many who have been laid off due to corporate downsizing or market shifts are able to go back to school to further their skills or entertain a career path change. And your resume shouldn't just focus on the jobs you've had, but the skills you've developed and the experiences you've gained.

A gap doesn't have to be empty — if you've been studying for a particular certification or course, mention that. Even if it hasn't been formal education, show how you've spent the time acquiring new knowledge and skills.

And if you've been involved in the community, those efforts — and the social skills that they help sharpen — are valued by many employers. In the end, your gap isn't likely a void — chances are it's been filled with experiences, opportunities, and responsibilities. Showing how you've learned, grown, and profited from those gaps can help put you back on the path to long-term employment.

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# Cubs' ninth-inning rally topples Giants

MLB PLAYOFFS

## San Fran's run of winning a title every two years ends

Javier Baez's tiebreaking single capped a four-run rally in the ninth inning, and the Chicago Cubs beat the San Francisco Giants 6-5 on Tuesday night in Game 4 to win their NL Division Series.

Chasing their first World Series title since 1908, the Cubs will open the NL Championship Series at home Saturday against the Los Angeles Dodgers or Washington Nationals. That matchup is tied 2-2 heading into the deciding Game 5 on Thursday.

Held to two hits over eight innings by Matt Moore, the Cubs trailed 5-2 before coming back against a beleaguered bullpen that sabotaged San Francisco one last time.

Now, the Cubs are going back to their second consecutive NLCS after finally ending San Francisco's remarkable winning streak in post-season elimination games.

Pinch-hitter Willson Contreras tied it with a two-run single with none out. Baez singled in the go-ahead run two batters later, and the Cubs capitalized on Gold Glove shortstop

Cubs players celebrate around pitcher Aroldis Chapman after eliminating the Giants from the post-season on Tuesday in San Francisco. BEN MARGOT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NLDS Game 4

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Brandon Crawford's second costly error and more untimely blunders by the Giants' once-reliable relief staff.

One day after getting tagged in the eighth inning of an eventual 6-5, 13-inning loss, Aroldis Chapman closed this one out by striking out the side in order. When he set down Brandon Belt to end it, Chapman's teammates rushed to the mound to hug him and begin the celebration.

Now, Chicago earns another short break — and manager Joe Maddon will have his pitching staff all lined up in the NLCS because he didn't need to go to lefty Jon Lester in Game 5.

Downright unflappable for years in these pressure-packed scenarios, the Giants had won 10 straight games when facing post-season elimination. The World Series champions in 2010, '12 and '14, their every-other-year title chance is over in '16 with the club's first post-season series defeat in its last 12. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB PLAYOFFS

# Dodgers cling to life, force deciding battle

Chase Utley singled home the tiebreaking run with two outs in the eighth inning after the Dodgers' bullpen faltered in relief of Clayton Kershaw, and Los Angeles avoided elimination Tuesday with a 6-5 victory over the Washington Nationals that forced a deciding Game 5 in their National League Division Series.

Kenley Jansen worked the ninth for a save, one day after giving up four late runs during Los Angeles' loss in Game 3.

NLDS Game 4

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Game 5 is Thursday in Washington, with 20-game winner Max Scherzer set to pitch for the Nationals.

Left-hander Rich Hill is expected to get the start for the Dodgers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## IN BRIEF

**Estrada gets nod for Blue Jays in ALCS opener**

Marco Estrada will get the start for Toronto on Friday when the Blue Jays visit Cleveland for Game 1 of the American League Championship Series.

Blue Jays manager John Gibbons made the announcement Tuesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**'Indians' not part of broadcaster's vocabulary**

Blue Jays broadcaster Jerry Howarth won't be using the word "Indians" when he calls the American League Championship Series between Toronto and Cleveland, and he says he hasn't uttered the team nickname on the air for nearly 25 years after receiving a letter from an indigenous fan in 1992. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**I did a good job getting game speed for the World Cup.**

Johnny Gaudreau who practised with the Calgary Flames for the first time this fall ahead of Wednesday night's season opener against the Oilers.

**League adds centralized concussion spotters**

Centralized spotters observing games on television were added to the NHL's concussion prevention protocols on Tuesday night. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# RECIPE Roasted Chicken with Grapes

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

This sweet and savoury combination is dinner-party worthy but simple enough for weeknight meal.

**Ready in 30 minutes**
Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 25 minutes
Serves 4

**Ingredients**
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 4 chicken thighs
- 2 shallots, sliced
- 3 cloves of garlic, minced
- 3 cups red seedless grapes
- 1 cup chicken stock
- 1 Tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 1 Tbsp brown sugar
- 2 Tbsp dried thyme

**Directions**
**1.** Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
**2.** In a large, oven-safe skillet, warm olive oil over medium high heat. Brown, but don't worry about cooking through, chicken thighs, 3 minutes each side. Remove from skillet and place on a clean plate.
**3.** Reduce heat under skillet to medium and toss in shallots and garlic. Cook 3 minutes until they soften. Add grapes, stock, vinegar, sugar and thyme and give everything a good stir. Allow the sauce to begin to simmer.
**4.** Nestle chicken pieces into the sauce and place the skillet in the oven. Bake 20 minutes.
**5.** Serve over couscous, mashed potatoes or polenta.

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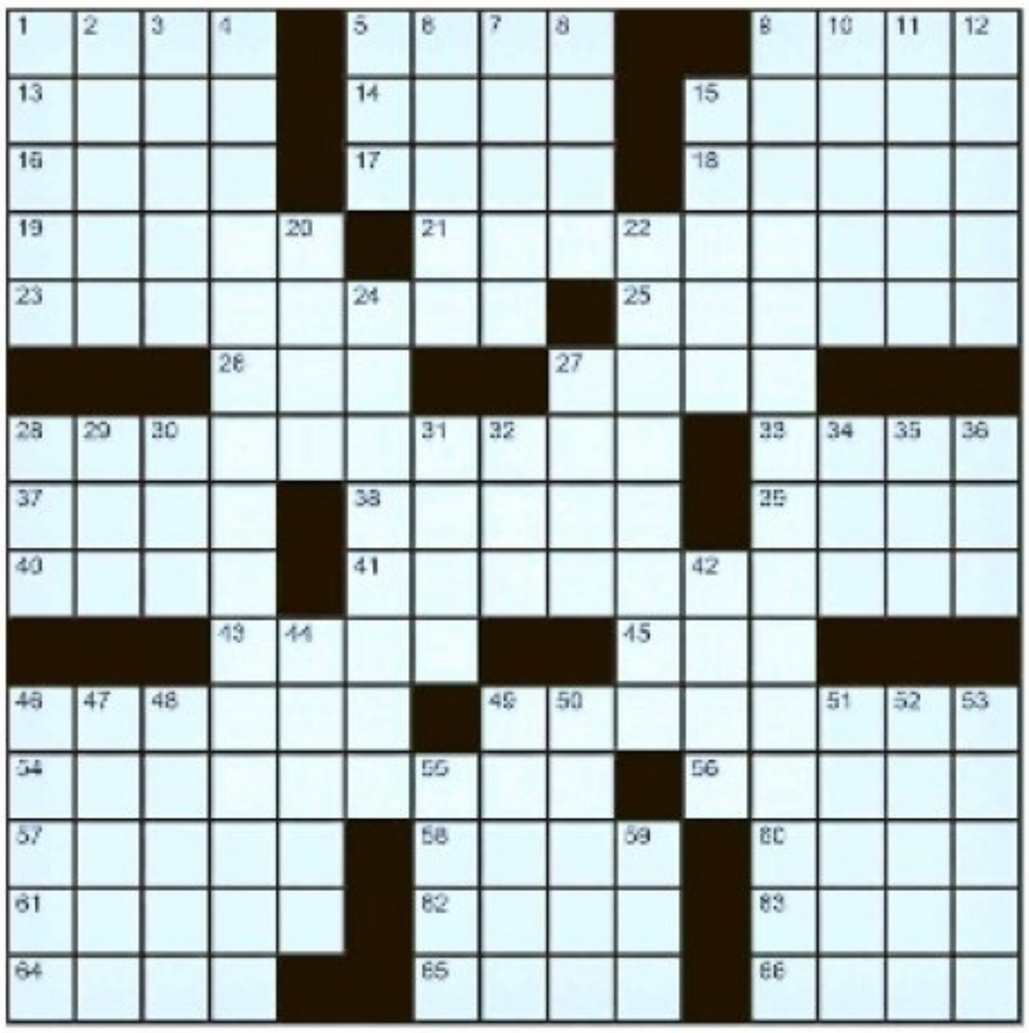
# CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



**ACROSS**
1. Coral _
5. Pretends
9. Strawberry and Raspberry, in jars
13. North-Eastern Canada: People whose homeland is called Nitassinan
14. _ muffins
15. Parking attendant
16. Animal den
17. Pacific Northwest salmon
18. School, in Hull
19. Les _-Unis (United States, in Sherbrooke)
21. Nickname
23. Reduction
25. Dodges
26. Swiss peak
27. Headquarters
28. 1991 Tragically Hip album on which the tune at #9-Down is a track: 2 wds.
33. Flat-bottomed vessel
37. Competent
38. Uprising uproars
39. McIntosh's middle
40. Kilometre's cousin in The States
41. Is emulating a fugitive, is what?: 3 wds.
43. Give in
45. Old French coin
46. More, at any concert
49. Stood firm
54. Mothers of some cubs
56. Look and look
57. Plane: French
58. _-daisy
60. Mr. Clapton
61. Ms. Hopkins of '80s sitcom "Gimme a Break!"
62. Scottish slope
63. _ _ extra cost
64. Simple
65. Some beans
66. Cdn. hockey competition in 1972

**DOWN**
1. Miffed
2. Related maternally
3. 1946: 'Giant Brain' computer
4. The Bane of Beavers/The Beginnings of Business... Canada's commerce commencer: 3 wds.
5. "When Smokey Sings" band
6. _-examination
7. Lake _ (American resort)
8. High-hatter
9. Underwater explorer in The Tragically Hip song "Twist My Arm": 2 wds.
10. Not silently
11. Type of disturbance
12. Leaves in, in proofreading
15. Bridal accessories
20. Ms. Ward
22. Consider things with fresh eyes
24. Sanctions
27. Title lady of a KISS ballad
28. Bash
29. Geisha's outfit accessory
30. Everything
31. Hanker
32. Movie studio area
34. Dove's patter
35. Surgery sites, shortly
36. Tiny
42. Miss Lane of comics
44. Field
46. Uplift
47. Skin care company
48. Springs
49. Artwork like the original, informally
50. Magazine piece
51. Fruit-filled pastries
52. Brockovich and Moran
53. Home designer's interest
55. Stand-ins
59. Approving answer

# IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

**Aries** March 21 - April 20
Today you feel so tenderhearted that you are willing to put the interests of others before your own. In fact, you will find it rewarding to be able to help someone who is less fortunate.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21
You might idealize a friend today. In one way, this promotes a warm friendship. Nevertheless, it's always wise to be realistic.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21
Someone in a position of authority (boss, parents or VIPs) will be aware of your efforts to help someone who is in need of assistance. This might inspire others to do likewise.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23
Because your appreciation of beauty is heightened today, give yourself a chance to enjoy beautiful things and places. Visit art galleries, museums, architectural buildings and landscaped parks.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23
If you are sharing something with someone today, don't give away the farm. There is such a thing as "idiot compassion." Remember: You count, too.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Relations with partners and close friends will be warm and friendly today. If you can do something to help someone, it will be gratifying for both of you.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
A co-worker might confide in you today or need some counselling. Or perhaps he or she just needs a sympathetic ear. Whatever the case, you are willing.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You feel tender toward the needs of children today. If you can help a young person, you will. Meanwhile, romance is starry-eyed and dreamy!.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You feel genuine concern and compassion for a family member today. This is why you want to show your support for them in any way that you can. This will be a win/win situation.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Don't worry if you spend a lot of time daydreaming or being lost in thoughts about fantasies. After all, everyone needs a day like this now and then.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Be careful with financial matters today because you are inclined to overlook details. Don't be a sucker for a sob story. Make sure you know what you're doing.

**Pisces**
Feb. 20 - March 20
Today the Moon is lined up with your ruler, Neptune. This enhances your psychic feelings. It also makes you very sympathetic to others.

**CONCEPTIS SUDOKU** by Dave Green

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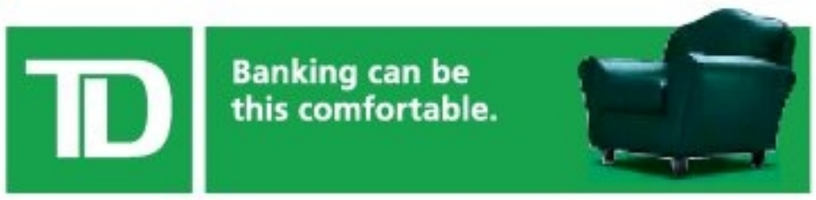


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